(a) whether complaints have been received regarding not issuing telephone connection to the public for several months even after the issuance of O.B. in the Rohini, Raja Garden, Janak Puri, Shahdadra and Laxmi Nagar Telephone exchanges of Mahanagar telephone Nigam Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Whereas in Rohini Exchange there is no spare capacity available at present, in Rajouri Garden, Janak Puri, Shahdara and Laxmi Nagar Exchange areas, some pockets are technically non-feasible due to non-availability of cable pairs.

(c) A new telephone exchange in Sector-IX of Rohini is under installation and is likely to be commissioned by end of December, 1991. As regards Rajouri Garden, Janak Puri, Shahdara and Laxmi Nagar Exchange Areas, action has been taken to augument the cable network by laying new cables as also with the help of pair gain systems. All these pending cases are expected to be cleared by 31.3.1992.

Norms for Telephones to Journalists

612. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any norms have been fixed for giving telephone connections to the journalists on priority basis; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Accredited journalists ar entitled to register themselves under Non-OYT-Special category which is a priority category for allotment of telephone connections.

Faulty Telephones of Journalists

613. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special arrangements have been made by Delhi Telephone for Journalists for lodging their complaints regarding telephone faults;

(b) if so, the reasons for not removing the telephone faults in time; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir, such an arrangement exists for accredited Journalists.

(b) Telephones of the accredited journalists reported faulty are promptly attended to; but these faulty due to break down of under-ground cable or its theft, however, takes a little longer.

(c) Immediate action is taken to attend the fault as: and when reported. The disposal of these complaints is closely supervised by the concerned officers and monitored at the level of Area Manager/ Area General Manager.

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Security for Diplomatic Missions

614. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:
SHRI V. SREENIVASAN PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the view of recent kidnap-